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Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for managing at least one electronic apparatus, comprising the step of:

causing the electronic apparatus to verify identification information of a portable terminal which demands apparatus management information with respect to the electronic apparatus and transmit the apparatus management information that includes apparatus-specific maintenance information of the associated electronic apparatus to the portable terminal which demanded the apparatus management information.

Claim 2 (original): The method for managing an electronic apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:

causing the electronic apparatus to regularly perform a maintenance management of the electronic apparatus and store the apparatus management information.

Claim 3 (original): The method for managing an electronic apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:

causing the portable terminal to transmit the apparatus management information which was acquired to an apparatus management center where apparatus management of a plurality of electronic apparatuses is performed synthetically.

Claim 4 (original): The method for managing an electronic apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:

causing the electronic apparatus to transmit the latest apparatus management information to the portable terminal in accordance with the identification information of the portable terminal which demanded the apparatus management information with respect to the electronic apparatus.

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Claim 5 (original): The method for managing an electronic apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:

causing the electronic apparatus to transmit the apparatus management information relating to consumable goods to the portable terminal in accordance with the identification information of the portable terminal which demanded the apparatus management information with respect to the electronic apparatus.

Claim 6 (original): The method for managing an electronic apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:

causing the electronic apparatus to transmit the apparatus management information relating to the latest operating condition to the portable terminal in accordance with the identification information of the portable terminal which demanded the apparatus management information with respect to the electronic apparatus.

Claim 7 (original): The method for managing an electronic apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising the step of:

causing the portable terminal to transmit the apparatus management information which was acquired to an apparatus management center where apparatus management of a plurality of electronic apparatuses is performed synthetically.

Claim 8 (original): The method for managing an electronic apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising the step of:

causing the electronic apparatus to transmit the latest apparatus management information to the portable terminal in accordance with the identification information of the portable terminal which demanded the apparatus management information with respect to the electronic apparatus.

Claim 9 (original): The method for managing an electronic apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising the step of:

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causing the electronic apparatus to transmit the apparatus management information relating to consumable goods to the portable terminal in accordance with the identification information of the portable terminal which demanded the apparatus management information with respect to the electronic apparatus.

Claim 10 (original): The method for managing an electronic apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising the step of:

causing the electronic apparatus to transmit the apparatus management information relating to the latest operating condition to the portable terminal in accordance with the identification information of the portable terminal which demanded the apparatus management information with respect to the electronic apparatus.

Claim 11 (original): The method for managing an electronic apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising the step of:

causing the electronic apparatus to transmit the latest apparatus management information to the portable terminal in accordance with the identification information of the portable terminal which demanded the apparatus management information with respect to the electronic apparatus.

Claim 12 (original): The method for managing an electronic apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising the step of:

causing the electronic apparatus to transmit the apparatus management information relating to consumable goods to the portable terminal in accordance with the identification information of the portable terminal which demanded the apparatus management information with respect to the electronic apparatus.

Claim 13 (original): The method for managing an electronic apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising the step of:

causing the electronic apparatus to transmit the apparatus management information relating to the latest operating condition to the portable terminal in accordance with the

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identification information of the portable terminal which demanded the apparatus management information with respect to the electronic apparatus.

Claim 14 (currently amended): An electronic apparatus, comprising apparatus-side communication controlling means for communicating with at least one portable terminal, the apparatus-side communication controlling means including:

inside-apparatus management information storage means for storing the apparatus management information of a main body of the electronic apparatus in plural levels,
identification information storage means for storing identification information to identify the portable terminal of a communicating party, and
apparatus-side controlling means for identifying the portable terminal in accordance with the identification information in the identification information storage means when a demand for the apparatus management information of the electronic apparatus from the portable terminal, and for transmitting the apparatus management information that includes apparatus-specific maintenance information of the associated electronic apparatus of the level in accordance with the portable terminal from the inside-apparatus management information storage means.

Claim 15 (original): The electronic apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the inside-apparatus management information storage means regularly stores maintenance management information.

Claim 16 (original): The electronic apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the inside-apparatus management information storage means stores the apparatus management information relating to consumable goods.

Claim 17 (original): The electronic apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the inside-apparatus management information storage means stores the apparatus management information relating to the latest operating condition.

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Claim 18 (original): The electronic apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the inside-apparatus management information storage means stores the apparatus management information relating to consumable goods.

Claim 19 (original): The electronic apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the inside-apparatus management information storage means stores the apparatus management information relating to the latest operating condition.

Claim 20 (currently amended): A management system, comprising:

- at least one electronic apparatus, said electronic apparatus including:
 - apparatus-side communication controlling means for communicating with at least one portable terminal, the apparatus-side communication controlling means including:
 - inside-apparatus management information storage means for storing the apparatus management information of a main body of the electronic apparatus in plural levels,
 - identification information storage means for storing identification information to identify the portable terminal of a communicating party,
 - apparatus-side controlling means for identifying the portable terminal in accordance with the identification information in the identification information storage means when a demand for the apparatus management information of the electronic apparatus from the portable terminal, and for transmitting the apparatus management information that includes apparatus-specific maintenance information of the associated electronic apparatus of the level in accordance with the portable terminal from the inside-apparatus management information storage means,
 - an apparatus management center where management of the plurality of electronic apparatuses is performed synthetically,
 - terminal-side communication controlling means, and
 - the portable terminal having a display section, the terminal-side communication controlling means, further including:
 - inherent information management means for storing identification information of the portable terminal, application means for storing application software relating to acquisition of

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apparatus management information of the electronic apparatus and transmission to the apparatus management center,

storage means for storing the apparatus management information transmitted from the electronic apparatuses,

communication means for communicating, and

terminal-side controlling means for, based on the application software stored in the application means, (a) communicating with the electronic apparatus so as to acquire the apparatus management information, (b) displaying the apparatus management information that has been acquired on a display section, (c) storing the apparatus management information thus acquired in the storage means, and (d) enabling to transmit the apparatus management information stored in the storage means to the apparatus management center.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The method for managing an electronic apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:

performing at least one of copying, printing, and facsimile on the electronic apparatus.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The method for managing an electronic apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:

supplying the apparatus management information to the portable terminal without input by a user.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The electronic apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the electronic apparatus is used to perform at least one of copying, printing, and facsimile.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The electronic apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the apparatus management information is supplied to the portable terminal without input by a user.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The electronic apparatus according to claim 20, wherein the electronic apparatus is used to perform at least one of copying, printing, and facsimile.

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Claim 26 (previously presented): The electronic apparatus according to claim 20, wherein the apparatus management information is supplied to the portable terminal without input by a user.